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SUBJECT: UNESCO: INSTRUCTIONS FOR 99TH SESSION OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA ITEM 9.2

1. FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE FOR USDEL
ON AGENDA ITEM 9.2: REPORT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF 18/C RESOLUTION 13 CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL
AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES
(99 EX/50). FINAL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED WHEN WE
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S
REPORT.

2. PROBLEM: HOW TO REACT TO THIS REPORT, NOT YET
AVAILABLE, AND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT IS BOUND TO BE
INTRODUCED BY THE ARABS SUPPORTING THE CONCLUSIONS OR
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT AND THE DEBATE IT OCCASIONS.

3. BACKGROUND: AT THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL SUBMITTED A REPORT (DOC. 18C/16) ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL LIFE IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. THE ARABS PROPOSED A RESOLUTION DEALING WITH THE REPORT THAT CALLED FOR THE UNESCO DG TO "EXERCISE FULL SUPERVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS" TO ENSURE ARAB RIGHTS TO EDUCATION AND CULTURE, ASSERTEDLY NOT THEN ENJOYED. IT ALSO CALLED ON THE DG TO COOPERATE WITH THE "ARAB STATES CONCERNED AND THE PLO" TO THESE ENDS, AND APPEALED TO ISRAEL TO ALLOW THE ARABS THEIR RIGHTS TO EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND APPEALED TO IT TO ALLOW THE DG TO CARRY OUT HIS TASKS. IT FURTHER INVITED THE DG TO REPORT TO THE EX BD ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH IS WHAT HE WILL BE DOING.

THE U. S. VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION. THE USDEL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE AND EXPLAINED ITS VOTE BY SAYING :

"A CAREFUL READING OF THE DG'S REPORT INDICATES THAT THE PEOPLES INVOLVED DO INDEED ENJOY THESE RIGHTS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. THIS IS HARDLY SURPRISING. IT IS UNFORTUNATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DG CHOSE TO MAKE SWEEPING ALLEGATIONS RATHER THAN CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS. OUR SECOND AND MORE SERIOUS OBJECTION IS TO FIRST OPERATIVE PARA WHICH INVITES THE DG TO EXERCISE "FULL SUPERVISION" OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. THIS FAR EXCEEDS UNESCO'S MANDATE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES. WHILE WE FULLY SUPPORT RIGHTS TO NATIONAL AND CULTURAL LIFE IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, WE BELIEVE THEM BETTER ACHIEVED BY COOPERATION BETWEEN UNESCO, THE OCCUPYING AUTHORITIES AND THE ARAB PEOPLES CONCERNED."

THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ARAB STATES AND THE PLO HAD TO BE INVITED TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS FOR THE NEW REPORT, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE VERY CONDEMNATORY OF ISRAEL. ALSO, ISRAEL, REACTING TO THE UNJUSTIFIABLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HARSH LANGUAGE OF THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON WHICH THIS ITEM IS BASED, HAS APPARENTLY KEPT COOPERATION WITH THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT'S INQUIRIES TO A MINIMUM. GIVEN THE CURRENT UNREST ON THE WEST BANK, THERE IS EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MAY BE A VERY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE.

U. S. POSITION: THE U. S. IS OPPOSED TO ANY MOVES TO

UNJUSTIFIABLY ISOLATE OR CONDEMN ISRAEL IN ANY PART OF
THE UN SYSTEM. THE U. S. DELEGATION SHOULD WORK
VIGOROUSLY TO PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY SUCH ACTION
AND SHOULD STRONGLY ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT IT IF IT DOES.

BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF ALL MIDDLE EAST ISSUES
IN UN BODIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONDEMNING ISRAEL IN
UNESCO, INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THIS ITEM CAN ONLY
BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AFTER THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE,
AND AFTER A RESOLUTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. THE U. S.
DELEGATION SHOULD REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY
AS SOON AS EITHER IS AVAILABLE, SEEK A DELAY IF NECESSARY,
AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. SISCO

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